

REGULARS TO PATROL BORDER; TO RELEASE ALL STATE GUARD

MEXICAN CONSTITUTIONAL TROOPS KEEP PEACE AT JUAREZ

RIOTERS ARE CAUGHT

CLOSE WATCH IS KEPT ON BOTH
SIDES OF INTERNATIONAL
BRIDGE TO PREVENT FURTHER
DISTURBANCES AMONG PEONS.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Orders for the distribution along the border of the regular troops now in Mexico under General Pershing, making it certain that all of the military units will be on their way home within six weeks, were made public by the war department today.

The withdrawal of four units of the militia under the control of the western department were issued simultaneously with publicity of the order to General Pershing. The additional militia units ordered home are Troop A cavalry, Oregon; Battery A, field artillery, Oregon; Troop B cavalry, Washington; Company H, signal corps, Washington.

General Pershing will assume command of the El Paso district on his return to American soil. General Swift on completion of his duty at the Columbus, N. M., base, will assume command of the regular cavalry brigade at El Paso.

The regular troops now under General Pershing will be distributed as follows:

Tenth cavalry, less on squadron and one troop, to Fort Huachuca by marching.

One squadron Tenth cavalry, to Nogales by rail. One troop, Tenth cavalry, to Fort Apache, by rail and marching.

Apache scouts to accompany troops of Tenth cavalry to Fort Apache and there be discharged.

Fifth and Seventh cavalry regiments to Fort Sam Houston by rail.

Sixth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth infantry regiments to Fort Bliss by motor transportation.

Twenty-fourth infantry remains at Columbus, N. M.

Headquarters and First battalion, Fourth field artillery to El Paso by marching.

Batteries B and C, Sixth field artillery, to Douglas by marching.

Second regiment, Engineers, and Company A, Mounted Engineers, to El Paso by marching.

First aerial squadron remain temporarily at Columbus.

Sanitary troops to El Paso and Eagle Pass.

Truck companies, wagon companies and pack trains, to be distributed along border.

"With the completion of the movements referred to, the order stated that the regular force will be distributed along the border so as to place an infantry division and two cavalry brigades in the eastern part of the border and infantry division and a cavalry brigade in the central part, and an infantry division with one extra cavalry regiment on the western end of a border.

It was stated at the war department that all of the militia troops under the southern department jurisdiction recently ordered home would be en route by February 20.

Troops Guard Bridge.

El Paso, Jan. 30.—A large force of General Murguia's soldiers patrolled the Juarez end of the El Paso bridge today and kept crowds moving. The majority of the Mexicans employed on this side of the river submitted to the bathing and sanitary regulations imposed by the American authorities, and a bath house was established at Juarez where certificates were issued following entry into the United States. These precautions were taken to prevent the spread of typhus.

Wholesale arrests were made here today of Mexicans identified as rioters.

LA SALLE WOMAN
IS GIVEN DECREE

Mrs. Harriet McPhail, wife of a La Salle baker, was granted a divorce from Boyce McPhail, whom she married July 10, 1911, upon grounds of drunkenness. Judge Eldridge heard the case and allowed Mrs. McPhail freedom. She said on this witness stand that she was forced to leave McPhail because of his inebriation on August 10, 1916. She accused him of being in the first saloon after getting his pay check and then getting drunk.

NO MENACE HIDDEN IN RISING RIVERS

HIGH WATER EXPERTS CLAIM
BOTH STREAMS, AS RESULT OF
THREE DAYS THAW, WILL TAKE
CARE OF SURPLUS.

Possibilities of Ottawa and surrounding lowlands undergoing a flood are decidedly negative, according to statements made today by local high water experts. While both streams have shown a natural tendency after three days of thaw, to overflow their banks, the menace is slowly but surely being eliminated as a result of the sunshine and absence of rain or snow. The two streams are swollen and in some places have gone beyond their banks, but this, it is held, is a direct consequence of the melting snows that have poured into them under pressure of spring-like weather. After they have reached their crest—which will come in the next day or two, these authorities assert—the final shred of doubt will be removed.

It is expected that one more day similar to today will move the ice out of the Illinois river. At the present time there is an insecure gorge near Buffalo Rock that river experts expect to see wiped out at any moment. As soon as that jam pushes away under the strain of the immense volume of water behind it, the Fox will vent its strength upon the Illinois and then all will be sweet and serene upon the Potomac.

Not Near King Field.

At the present time, as the rivers recorded their highest point of the winter, the water was within four or five feet of getting upon King field, the new High School's athletic grounds. The school itself has experienced no trouble in disposing of its waste and sewage thru the natural channels. The bottoms north of Main street are out of danger, while down river it is claimed that there is still ample room for the streams to rise before swelling over their banks onto the lowlands and islands.

High at Marseilles.

Some apprehension was felt because of the high water reported at Marseilles, where, it is said, gorges have formed and have caused the river to "back up." River men here point out that this water would not be sufficient to cause serious conditions at this point. They say that the river in the next day or two will have ample time to dispose of its surplus, and when the Marseilles jams release there will be ample room for expansion and the river can take care of the excess without attaining any great height.

A heavy rain or a deep snow, followed by rapid melting, is the only danger now, and should the rivers clear themselves of ice, even they would not cause any serious trouble.

DELVE INTO FORD
SALOON CHARGES

Whether or not the sworn affidavit of George Ford, who says that he purchased intoxicant liquors and gambled in the Ryan saloon and West Main street, on Sunday, January 21, can be substantiated, is now being investigated by Chief of Police Eberich.

Tomorrow the city council will take action on the application and bond of Ryan for another quarter. A report of the investigation will probably be made to the commissioners in the meantime.

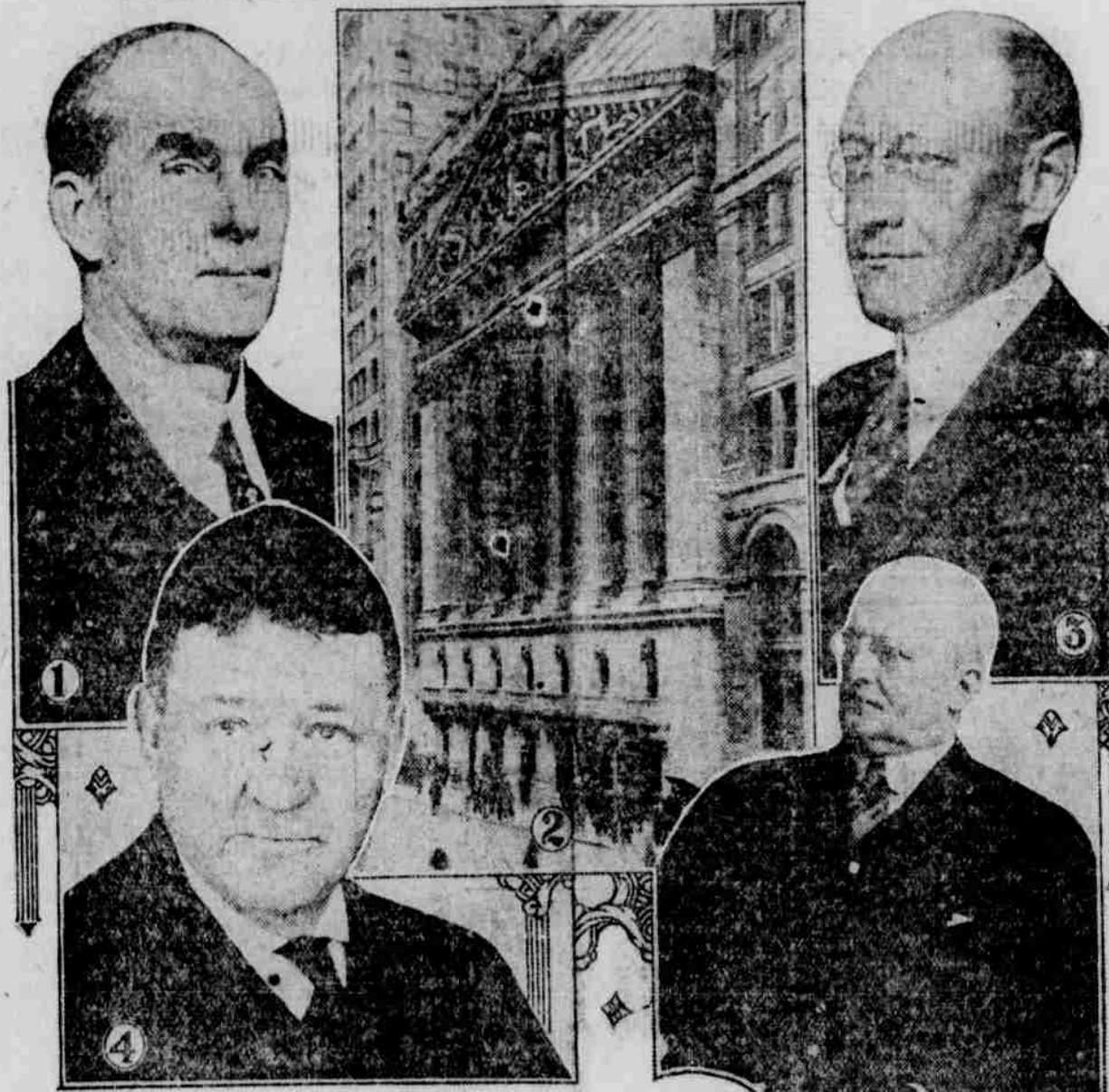
To a reporter this morning, Chief of Police Eberich stated that no warrants had been issued for the arrest of Ryan and that a thorough investigation was being conducted. Ford may be asked to go before the commissioners and recite his story.

OFFICER REILLEY
GRABS A GUNMAN

Officer Reilly last evening arrested an Austrian gunman who was flashing a 32-calibre revolver. The man gave his name as police headquarters as B. Melick and said he was residing near the Federal Plate Glass Works. Melick was in a saloon in the loop district. He paraded about with the gun in his hip pocket and it was feared he might commit some violence. When encountered by Reilly he denied that he had a revolver in his possession. Reilly succeeded in taking the weapon from the man and brought him to the police station.

Melick was arraigned before Justice Koenig on a charge of carrying concealed weapons and was fined \$25 and costs. Justice Koenig and members of the local police force are determined to take drastic steps to discourage gunmen and they will all be assessed heavy fines.

"LEAK" INVESTIGATION BROADENS INTO EXAMINATION OF ALL EXCHANGE DOINGS



Photos by American Press Association.

The inquiry in New York city by the rules committee of the national house of representatives into the Wilson peace note "leak" and the accompanying break of prices on the Stock Exchange developed extraordinary features. The board of governors of the New York Exchange, after formal protest, was compelled in the face of the threat of the issuance of subpoenas to every member of the exchange to request all members to prepare for the committee a statement of the stock dealings of every client between Dec. 10 and Dec. 23, inclusive, the period immediately preceding and following the publication of the president's note to the warring powers asking for a statement of their peace terms. The exchange governors also requested every

broker to say whether he had received from a foreign capital any advance news of the note. The inquiry under the direction of Sherman L. Whipple, the Boston attorney, broadened out to such an extent, covering almost every phase of the activities of the Stock Exchange, that brokers frankly admitted that the exchange itself was now under formal investigation. The brokers receiving the impression by the line of questioning, they said, that the committee was not confining itself to ascertain whether there was any "grapevine" between the White House or state department and Wall street or between some foreign capital and the street, but in extending into an investigation of the exchange itself. That impression gained ground despite the

statement of Mr. Whipple that the committee will not make any inquiry into the workings of the exchange. President Henry G. S. Noble of the exchange and Samuel P. Street, chairman of the exchange's committee on clearing house, appeared before the committee to explain the workings of the exchange. In the pictures: No. 1, Robert L. Henry, chairman of the rules committee; No. 2, New York Stock Exchange; No. 3, Mr. Street; No. 4, Mr. Whipple; No. 5, Mr. Noble.

DAYTON FARMERS READY FOR MEET

ONE DAY SESSION OPENS IN OT-
TAWA TOMORROW—PROVIN-
TIAL SPEAKERS TO BE HEARD
AT GAYETY THEATER.

One thousand farmers from this vicinity are expected to attend the all day session of the Dayton Farmers' Improvement Association tomorrow at the Gayety Theater. A program, surpassed by none offered by State farmers' institutes, and one that is sure to interest every agriculturist in this community, is to be given.

The session will start promptly at 1:30 o'clock. The latter College Quarter, which is one of the best in the state, will sing several numbers. The first topic of the afternoon will be an address by Attorney Clarence Griggs. His subject will be "Why Our Iowa Should be Interested in Agriculture."

Hon. C. M. Scribner, of New Salem, Indiana, will speak on the subject of "Road Building." Mr. Scribner is regarded as one of the leading authorities in this part of the country on highway construction and will have a most important message for his listeners. While Mr. Scribner was a member of the Indiana legislature, he was largely instrumental in drafting and passing of the famous Indiana road law.

W. D. Boyce, coming.

W. D. Boyce, celebrated explorer, publisher and journalist, will be the headliner in the evening. Mr. Boyce will speak on Argentina. No other man in the United States is better versed on his topic than is Mr. Boyce. All of his information is first hand from what he has actually seen in Argentina.

P. G. Renick, of Peoria, an entertainer of exceptional merit, will also be on the evening program. Mr. Renick made a big hit here when he appeared before the Business Men's Association.

The program is free to everyone and a very cordial invitation is extended to farmers and their families to La Salle county.

NAB FORGER WHO
WAS LONG SOUGHT

James Kirby, wanted for forgeries perpetrated last August in La Salle, was arrested last night by Deputy Sheriff William Mischke and this morning was held upon charges preferred by George Wilson and F. Bolatto to the grand jury under bonds of \$500.

It is alleged by the complaining witnesses that Kirby secured \$21 from Bolatto and \$16 from Mr. Wilson. The defendant would neither deny nor admit his guilt.

EXTRA NORWEGIAN SHIP IS BLOWN UP.

London, Jan. 30.—The Norwegian steamer Argos, 1,261 tons, has been blown up with the loss of nine crew, according to a telegram received here today.

BRITISH SQUADRON SEEKS
GERMAN RAIDER.

New York, Jan. 30.—A big squadron of British war vessels formed into a huge cordon off the American coast today to comb the seas for traces of two German commerce raiders which are supposed to have abandoned the South American field for the more lucrative steamer lanes of the north. In the hunting squadron are said to be the fastest cruisers and destroyers the British navy boasts.

"The British squadron will be in New York area tomorrow (today)," said a cablegram from the admiralty to the British consulate here. In the squadron are known to be the Suffolk, Glasgow, Essex, Vindictive, Lancaster, Edinburgh Castle, Orma and Cumberland. There are others whose names are not known here.

HOYNE UNCOVERS BIG
AAUTO FRAUD.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Sixty thieves in four states and two sergeants of Chicago detective bureau have been trapped as members of the \$1,500,000 automobile thieves' according to State's Attorney Macleay Hoyne.

Absolute connection between the Chicago thieves and other operations with similar bands in Minneapolis, Evansville and Milwaukee has been established, the State's Attorney declares.

DESERTED WIFE
ASKS A DIVORCE

Married October 12, 1887, to David L. Williamson, Mrs. Mary Estella Williamson, on the witness stand in the Circuit Court this afternoon testified she and her husband lived together until February 3, 1913, when he left her and since has persisted in his "desertion." The bill was filed this afternoon and a few moments later Mrs. Williamson left the court room a freed woman. Williamson signed his consent to the divorce.

The couple are prominently known in Tonic, where they have resided the greater part of their married life.

LARGE CROWDS AT MASQUERADE DANCE

HUNDREDS OF MASKERS TAKE
PART IN ANNUAL EVENT OF
ORDER OF MUTUAL PROTEC-
TION.

The eleventh annual masquerade ball of the Order of Mutual Protection, held last evening at Schaefer's hall, eclipsed all records for attendance. The affair was a complete success. Hundreds of maskers participated in the festive event and a wholesome enthusiasm manifested itself with the happy throng.

Costumes, representing Red Riding Hood, fairies, clowns, bathing girls, camp life girls, Indian maidens, gypsies, fortune tellers, soldiers, boy scouts and Turkish cossacks, were much in evidence.

Dancing for the masqueraders was enjoyed from eight until ten with the masqueraders at which time awards were made by the floor committee, consisting of Joseph Metzger, Fred Scherler and Harry Funk. The masqueraders passed in review before the committee and the prizes were then presented.

A prize of \$6 for the best group of six persons, the Duffy Six, was awarded to Mrs. Fred Erb, Mrs. Emma Kohn, Mrs. Fred Towner, Mrs. William Hovvers, Miss Christine Thum, and Mrs. Anna Gunn.

Timed Girls, a prize of \$4, was awarded to Mrs. Anna Escholt, Mrs. Minnie Leason, Miss Antonia Green and Mrs. Julia Anderson.

For the best lady's mask, Miss Loring Metzger was given \$2. Ed. Blahley was given a prize of \$2 for the best gentleman's mask. He represented Armour's Meat man.

William Mulholland won the prize as the best clown, being awarded \$1. Following the masquerading during which was enjoyed by all until 1 o'clock, Leacock's orchestra furnished the music. A crowd estimated at seven hundred attended the event last evening. The arrangements committee who had the work in charge consisted of Henry Stronheim, Henry Winkler, Sr., Fred Winkler, Fred Metzger, John Ott.

The masquerade of the Mutual Protection has been an annual event for the last seven years and is now well attended.

The fellow who has made up his mind that he can't, won't.

INTERURBAN TRAINMEN GIVE "BOSSSES" CONFIDENCE VOTE

AD SIGNS MUST GO FROM STATE ROADS

UNSIGHTLY BOARDS MUST
COME DOWN 'IS EJECT OF ILLI-
NOIS HIGHWAY COMMISSION—
SUPREME COURT O. K.'S RULE.

Unsightly signboards which hinder state aid roads must come down. Such is the ruling of the state highway commission, recently nanded down and made public.

This is a step much in the line of the recent U. S. Supreme Court decision, which held the Chicago ordinance invalidating billboards to be legal.

The state commission's ruling means that there can be no commercial signboards of any sort along highways which are maintained by state funds. Ottawa is directly affected by this decision, as there are two sections of state road here. If any billboards exist along these strips they must come down.

In connection with this decision, the Illinois Highways, the official publication of the state commission, says:

"In the belief that uncleanly and unsightly signs of an advertising nature along public highways mar the beauty of the road itself and of the contiguous landscape, the Illinois Highway Commission has directed that all such advertising signs be removed from along all State aid roads."

"The order came in a letter directed from Chief State Highway Engineer W. W. Marr, for the commission to all advertisers. Other communications sought the co-operation of county highway superintendents and, through them, of township officials as well, to the end that he antisign campaign may be carried to a beneficial conclusion."

"The State Highway Commission desires, first of all of course, to conserve the interests of the State aid roads. The placing of signs has become such a universal practice that it has come to amount to nothing less than a nuisance, in the opinion of the commission. Moreover, the commission believes such staring objects as the majority of sign boards of today do not really advertise; that, in many instances, they repel instead of attract the favor of travelers."

"The order is expected to help bring Illinois' chain of State aid roads up to the top notch of taste and natural beauty."

ENGLAND TO WAR AGAINST SUBSEAS

London, Jan. 30.—The Times today says that it is authorized to state that Great Britain, for the time being, will not arm merchant ships for and as a protection against German submarines.

This decision was reached, it is understood, in order to give the foreign office time to carry on further negotiations with the United States on the subject.

The exceedingly heavy toll of allied and neutral ships, with prospects of even greater losses before the situation improves, has aroused the nation and the announcement, in the Times, caused considerable of a sensation.

There are earnest demands from all sections of the United Kingdom that the Lloyd George government take drastic and decisive steps to put an end to the "U" boat menace for, with the depletion of tonnage, food is getting scarcer and prices are going higher.

CONDUCTOR LEFT \$14,500 ESTATE

Richard Cantwell, deceased C. O. & P. conductor, who passed away in the La Salle hospital following a brief attack of pneumonia, left an estate valued at \$14,500 according to his will which was filed in Ottawa today for probate. Among his holdings Mr. Cantwell owned an \$8,000 equity in his wife's estate and besides this he possessed two lots valued at \$5,000. His personal estate is appraised at about \$1,500.

Five brothers—Thomas, Robert, Maurice, James and Michael—are given the testator's share in Mrs. Cantwell's property, and the remainder including the real estate are given to the sister, Mrs. Mary Condron, of Ulen. Special amounts of \$250 for a monument and \$250 for masses were provided for in the will. Mr. Cantwell passed away January 25, 1916. His wife's death a year ago was ascribed as a contributory cause of his failing health.

FREE TRADER-JOURNAL IS PRAISED FOR ITS FAIRNESS

LODGE HELD MEETING

MEMBERS OF BROTHERHOOD, UP-
ON ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS, AN-
NOUNCE THEY WILL WORK
HARDER AND BETTER FOR THE
COMPANY.

Thirty members of Illinois Valley Lodge Brotherhood of Interurban Trainmen, at a meeting held in Ottawa last evening, unanimously declared a vote of confidence—in their employers. Following in the wake of an impending eruption that promised to split officials and men upon the wage question, this procedure was not only unusual, but was highly commendable.

Considering the grade of men who are employed by the C. O. & P. railway, it was only natural that the motormen and conductors who were able to be off duty should attend a lodge meeting and do just what they did. The thing was not premeditated. It was spontaneous and therefore a high tribute to the managerial ability of Vice President H. E. Chubbuck and General Superintendent F. E. Fisher. Others of the trainmen who were out on the line voiced the same sentiment to their fellows and echoed the action taken at the meeting with enthusiasm and loyalty.

Happy Over Settlement.

As announced in the Free Trader-Journal of Monday the scale to be paid the trainmen during the life of the new contract, was agreed upon and duly disposed of at a conference, also in Ottawa, between Mr. Fisher, General President G. J. Bernard and President James Thomas, of the local Brotherhood. The first year and second year men are allowed a 2 1/2% increase, while all those employed by the company for more than two years are given a four cent per hour raise in pay.

"The amount allowed is the amount demanded at the expiration of the old contracts. The agreement was signed by Mr. Bernard, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Fisher and was immediately forwarded to Peoria, where it will be signed by Mr. Chubbuck and returned to Ottawa."

The men effected by the new rule are exceedingly well pleased with the manner in which the dispute ended. President Bernard and President Thomas and a committee consisting of Edward Gray, Howard Beeley, Bert Mahar and W. O. Dodd are being highly praised from all sources for the manner in which they directed the controversy and won their contention without the necessity of hard feeling developing at any stage while negotiations were pending.

Officers in Statement.

General President Bernard and General Secretary-Treasurer C. K. Thomas, the latter of whom arrived in Ottawa last evening to attend the meeting of the local lodge, were high in their praise of the treatment given them and the trainmen by department chiefs and officials of the Interurban.

"The trainmen entertain only the best of feeling toward the company," said Mr. Thomas. "They feel as if they had been fairly treated by Mr. Fisher and Mr. Chubbuck, and at their meeting last night voted as a unit to give the company their very best efforts at all times in the future. They were united in making the company's interests their first interest, and I am sure the increase allowed them will show itself in a thousandfold ways during the life of the new contract."

Incidentally the men voted thanks to the Free Trader-Journal for the impartial and truthful manner in which it gave publicity to a situation that at times had the ear marks of becoming serious. Both sides were given only the best of treatment in its columns, both Mr. Thomas and Mr. Bernard announced as the stories were printed from time to time.

Plan Arnold Farewell.

A farewell to occur within the next few weeks is being planned by the trainmen for B. W. Arnold, who leaves the superintendency of transportation on the local line, to assume a higher and more remunerative post in Mr. Chubbuck's employ. The men want to show their former "boss" that they have appreciated the manner in which he has treated them while he was in charge of trains operating over the line. Besides this Mr. Arnold will be invited to attend an open meeting of the lodge to have a kind of heart to heart talk with "the boys."